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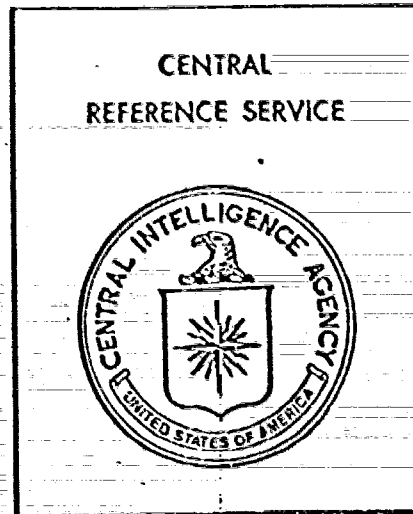
SULTAN ibn Muhammad al-Qasimi
(Phonetic: suhlTAHN)

UNITED ARAB EMIRATES

Ruler of Sharjah

Addressed as: _____
Your Highness

Sultan ibn Muhammad al-Qasimi became Ruler of Sharjah in January 1972, following the assassination of his brother and predecessor, Shaykh Khalid ibn Muhammad al-Qasimi, during a coup attempt by their cousin Shaykh Saqr ibn Sultan al-Qasimi, the former ruler. Shaykh Sultan, who is about 35,



He can discuss technical subjects on a fairly high level. Since the discovery of commercial oil reserves, Shaykh Sultan has shown great interest in attracting US business to Sharjah, either to participate in local development projects or to invest with local partners in projects such as hotels and oil-related service facilities. In June 1973 Shaykh Sultan paid a visit to the United States, and in March 1975 he went to Kuwait, Egypt and Italy in an effort to strengthen relations and initiate technical assistance for Sharjah.

Shaykh Sultan went to school in Sharjah. In the early 1960's he was an instructor in the British-run technical school there. He attended the University of Cairo from about 1967 to 1971 and graduated with a degree in agronomy. In late 1971 he served briefly as Minister of Education of the United Arab Emirates.

Pleasant and easy to talk to, Shaykh Sultan speaks English and Persian.

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